

NEW YORKERS WILL ATTEMPT TO CAUSE CANCELLATION OF WILLARD-MORAN CONTEST

EFFORT BEING MADE TO STOP BOUT BETWEEN WILLARD AND MORAN IN NEW YORK MARCH 25

State Senator Will Try to Inveigle Boxing Commission to Declare Lease for Match at Garden Void for Scheduled Date

IT IS no surprise that an attempt will be made to prevent the Willard-Moran bout in New York on March 25. Since the match was first arranged there have been so many hitches and unmistakable attempts on the part of the managers of the fighters to squeeze the public for all it is worth that several influential New Yorkers are said to be doing everything possible to prevent the bout from being staged.

According to a report from New York this morning, State Senator Dunningan, of the Bronx, on Monday will place before the Senate a resolution directing the Boxing Commission to place before that body a copy of the lease of Madison Square Garden given "Tex" Rickard and his partners. Dunningan claims that the holders of the lease had no permission to turn the Garden over to Rickard and that it is in direct violation of the law.

It is said that there is a law which makes it necessary for a promoter to have a lease for the building for one year prior to being given a license to run a boxing bout, and that the Boxing Commission is violating the law if it permits the fight to take place. Whether the Senate will act on the resolution remains to be seen, but it is certain that another effort will be made to prevent the fight from taking place if Dunningan's attempt is unsuccessful.

Willard's Managers Still Grabbing All the Money in Sight. Jess Willard is on his way to New York where he will begin active training. Manager Tom Jones declares that Willard is in wonderful shape and that he shows no effects of his recent illness. Willard's managers have leased the Pioneer Athletic Club, where the champion will box daily. The general public will be allowed to see the champion stall around the gymnasium provided they pay 25 and 50 cents admission.

There never was a more popular champion than Willard the day he toppled Jack Johnson over at Havana, and his popularity grew until the public became wise to the fact that his managers were out to squeeze the public for all it was worth. Willard will always be more or less of a popular idol, but the majority of flat fans would like to see Moran beat him, if only to rid the game of his managers.

Managers Jones and Curley announce that an admission fee is to be charged to see the champion train, so that objectionable persons will be kept away. In other words any one who has not 25 or 50 cents to toss into the treasury is objectionable.

Federal League Will Be "Buried" Tomorrow. The Federal League will be officially "buried" tomorrow and it looks very much as if Organized Ball was putting something over on the owners of the players who have not been purchased to date. According to the National Commission, any player who is not purchased tomorrow will be declared a free agent, but Harry Sinclair and a few other magnates will be responsible for their contracts.

There are several excellent players still on the market, but it is hardly likely a major league club will purchase them now, when they can secure them after tomorrow by taking over their contracts. Just what is to become of the free agents in case no major leaguers offer them positions, is unknown. There were a large number unconditionally released a few weeks after the peace agreement was signed, but there are still at least two dozen stars who have "iron-clad" contracts which cannot be broken by merely handing out unconditional releases.

It is believed that Gene Packard, the star southpaw of the Kansas City Club, will be the only Fed player purchased tomorrow. Three clubs are bidding for his services and it is likely that Sinclair will insist that one of the three clubs pay him the amount they offered before it became known that it was possible to get him for nothing by waiting.

Rules Committee to Suggest Numbering Players. It is believed that an effort will be made by several members of the Football Rules Committee to have the governing body adopt a resolution requesting all institutions to number the football players next fall. This is a step in the right direction, but it will require quite a fight to induce Harvard to adopt this system, as the Crimson took a decided stand against the numbering of players last fall.

No important changes are expected in the rules. Football coaches and critics are unanimous in the belief that the game as played last year is as nearly perfect as possible. A few minor changes are likely to be made, one of the most important being the rule covering interference with the kicker. This rule was abused a great deal last fall, and the necessity of protecting the kicker was clearly brought out in many games at Franklin Field.

Penn Stands in Way of Regatta at Poughkeepsie. Pennsylvania has given its explanation as to why it favored Lake Cayuga for the intercollegiate regatta in preference to Poughkeepsie, but that explanation apparently had not met with the approval of any other institution but Cornell. The course at Ithaca may be superior to Poughkeepsie, but if this race is to continue as the most important rowing event of the year, the public must be considered.

Accommodations at Lake Cayuga are not as good as at Poughkeepsie, and it is doubtful if as many people would attend. The great enthusiasm shown by the students has been one of the important factors in making this annual race a success, and by changing over to Lake Cayuga it is likely the student bodies will lose enthusiasm, and it is certain that but few Pennsylvanians would attend the regatta.

Al Sharpe Favors Uniform Eligibility Code. Dr. Al Sharpe, coach of Cornell's varsity football, baseball and basketball teams, is another champion of the EVENING LEDGER'S idea of having a uniform eligibility code for amateur and collegiate athletics. Sharpe has no particular plan to suggest, but says that a code should be formed and enforced, regardless of how strict it happened to be.

"In regard to the amateur athletic situation among colleges," he says, "I think that there should be a uniform code of eligibility rules. There should be a few definite rules which cannot be evaded and which are unmistakable in application. It is not a question of a number of bylaws. At present the eligibility rules are being continually broken in most of our universities."

"In questions of eligibility I favor the most severe punishment possible, but when a case of eligibility does come up, it should be judged entirely on its merits and not mechanically. Eligibility rules are human rules, and as such should be applied in a human manner."

The Washington and Lee basketball team, which played Swarthmore Wednesday night, is composed almost entirely of football players. Captain-elect Young and Johnny Barrett, two of the best halfbacks in the South; Shultz, All-Southern tackle; Graham, Perrotti and Wadsworth, the best six men in the squad, are footballers, while Manager Harrison also was a star last fall.

Jasper surprised Greystock last night and won one of the lowest scoring games of the year. Mike Wilson's poor foot throwing was mainly responsible for the defeat, as the Greys outscored the Jewels from the field. Greystock has such a large lead that several of its players are loafing. When a team loafs it is likely to find itself in a slump which cannot be shaken off, and it would be well for the downtown five to clinch the pennant before easing off.

Alfred De Oro, world's champion three-cushion billiard player, has an 11-point lead on Charley Ellis, of Cleveland, the challenger, with but 50 points to play in their match for the title. Ellis played in much better form last night and still has a chance against the wonderful veteran. De Oro made his first appearance in this city 27 years ago today. He was a topnotcher then, but apparently is better than ever at the present time.

Bill Donovan says he is very well pleased with the progress made by the Yankees in the first stages of the training season, but laments the fact that he has eight southpaws. Cy Pieh and "Germany" Schaefer in the camp. Bill says he has never done anything to be punished in this manner, and has nicknamed the camp "Squirrels' Retreat."

Bobby Roth, outfielder of the Cleveland Indians, who was obtained from the White Sox in the Jackson deal, threatened to remain at home while the Indians were training. Manager Fohl investigated, and learned that Roth objected to the rule that no women should be allowed in the training camp. Knowing that Roth was not married, Fohl was surprised at this attitude until he learned that Roth's mother has not been in good health, and that Bobby would rather quit the game than leave her home alone. Fohl immediately invited Roth's mother to the training camp at the club's expense.

KELLY—THE TORN CLOTH



BILL CARRIGAN ALONE STANDS PAT ON HIS 1915 LINE-UP FOR NEW CAMPAIGN

Red Sox Manager Great Developer of Young Players or He Is One of Luckiest Men in Baseball

By CHANDLER D. RICHTER

THESE are only one team in the two major leagues which is standing pat with its 1915 line-up and whose manager has made absolutely no attempt to purchase or make a trade for a single player. That team is the Boston Red Sox, winners of the American League pennant and champions of the world. Despite the fact that he has a team of veterans who are surely not going to improve any, Carrigan refuses to enter the field in bidding for players.

It is only natural for a manager to have unlimited confidence in a team which was strong enough to win a world's championship, but baseball men doubt the wisdom of Carrigan's policy. They believe that Carrigan should at least have picked up one or two youngsters who were placed on the market by the Feds, as it is certain that several of his veterans cannot last much longer.

Carrigan is either an excellent developer of youngsters or has remarkable luck and probably is content to wait until his veterans show unmistakable signs of slipping before going out after youngsters. Three years ago Carrigan had a wonderful pitching staff of veterans who all went to pieces about the same time. It was freely predicted that it would be a long time before the Red Sox would have a staff capable of keeping the team in the pennant fight, but it took Carrigan only two years to develop a wonderful staff of youngsters.

Recruits Developed. In two seasons, "Dutch" Leonard, Ernie Shore, "Babe" Ruth, George Foster and Carl Mays were developed from raw recruits into star twirlers capable of holding their own under fire and in critical series. The work of Foster, Leonard and Shore in the world's series was a tribute to the great developing ability of Manager Carrigan.

The Red Sox leader staked everything on the ability of these youngsters to stand up under fire and all stood the test. It was freely predicted that Shore and Foster would "blow up" in a pinch, but the work of this pair exceeded expectations. Much was expected of Leonard, who was one of the league's leading twirlers in 1914.

JASPER FIVE TAKES FALL OUT OF GREYS

League Leaders Drop Game to Jewels and Race for Pennant Tightens

The Eastern League pennant race is somewhat tightened today as a result of Jasper's victory last night over Greystock. The final score was 18 to 15. The Eastern League leaders received their first reverse of the present season at Nonpareil Hall. However, their fine defensive play kept the Jewels' field-goal scoring down to 2, while they made 4. Barney Sedran's fine four-shooting more than offset this difference, for the little New Yorker caged 12 of his 16 attempts at free throws, while Wilson and Fogarty got 7 between them.

The game was quite rough, especially in the second half. Mike Wilson shot only one foul in nine tries in the first half, and the Jewels led at intermission, 10 to 5. In the second half Fogarty performed at the 15-foot line, counting six out of eight. This made the score closer, and both teams commenced covering hard. The Greys appeared to be deeply touched every time the referee called a foul on the home team.

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MANAGER BILL CARRIGAN

1911, and he did not disappoint, pitching a grand game in his only world's series start. Carrigan is a catcher and naturally is an artist at handling twirlers, and it is a question whether he will be able to replace the slipping veterans of other positions. He recently declared that he expected the Red Sox to go on as they were lined up last fall for at least three more years.

The Red Sox may continue to take the field with that same line-up, but if they do, the team is likely to be out of the running after the coming season unless Carrigan is content to go to pieces when things are breaking bad for him, he probably would have little trouble taking Gardner's job as he is a better all-around man than the fading veteran.

For outfield substitutes Carrigan also is well fortified. The veteran Olaf Henriksen, who has been sitting on the bench for four years as a substitute to the great Red Sox trio of Speaker, Lewis and Hooper when he could be a regular on almost any other team in either league, will again be pinch hitter and first outfield substitute. Shorten, purchased from Providence of the International League, will be the other utility man.

Three veteran catchers are available, but Manager Carrigan evidently fears that Thomas and Cady have outlived their usefulness in Boston and is willing to trade either or both. Carrigan believes that he will be able to work regularly this season and is anxious to get two young catchers to develop for the future.

Eight pitchers are all Carrigan intends to carry, unless he discovers one or two sensational youngsters among his recruits, and they probably will be Foster, Shore, Mays and Wood, right-handers, and Leonard, Ruth, Gregg and Pennock, left-handers. Rumor has it that waiters have been asked on Joe Wood. If this proves true, no doubt Ray Collier, who intends to retire anyway, will be given his unconditional release.

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Recruits Have Very Poor Chance of Breaking Into the Boston Line-up for Some Time to Come

Gardner will not be able to keep Harold Janvrin off third base for another season. It was rumored during the winter that Manager Carrigan had offered Gardner to Cleveland in a trade, but had been turned down. Hoblit had a good season in 1915, but he will not be any better, if at all.

Carrigan has three stars, two of whom in 1915, while another will be even better. Speaker and Barry are the men who should continue to star, while Everett Scott is just coming, and is likely to be one of the best shortstops in the country this season. Scott does not hit very well, but is a remarkable fielder. His batting should improve, as he stands up there well, and apparently is walking right into every pitch.

Poor Recruits. There is little chance for a recruit to break into the Red Sox line-up and few will be taken to the training camp. Mike McNally, recalled from St. Paul, and Harold Janvrin will undoubtedly be the infield substitutes. Both are excellent utility men and will prove invaluable to Carrigan. If Janvrin had more spirit and was not inclined to go to pieces when things are breaking bad for him, he probably would have little trouble taking Gardner's job as he is a better all-around man than the fading veteran.

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Although Over 40 Years Old, the Gettysburg Veteran Is Still Able to Land Knockout Punch on the Diamond

By GRANTLAND RICE

The Champion. You wish you were the author of great "Casey at the Bat"? That epic of the diamond to which you doff your hat? We all agree with you, G. R., it stands beyond compare. The brightest gem in baseball verse—a priceless pearl and rare; 'Twill live as long as Fandora lives, and rosters yet unborn. Will picture, while their hearts throbb fast, great Casey's look of scorn. But when I think of poems that have made their authors shine I envy Mr. Riley for "An Old Sweetheart of Mine."

George Stovall, "about 10 years ago, its was as hard to hit in 1915 as he was in 1905. As far as I could make out, he had just as much stuff. He still had that hop, and his curve ball cracked off just as sharply as it did 10 years ago. He still has anywhere from 18 to 20 wins left in his system if he isn't overworked."

Plank, Mathewson and Brown are the pitching veterans of 1916. Among them they have been in 13 world's series—Plank in five, Mathewson in four and Brown in four. And the pitching they did was more than a trifle responsible for most of these world series.

Plank and Mathewson. In their 15 years' service Mathewson and Plank have lost about the same number of games, but Mathewson has won about 60 more. The Giant star has been called upon for a good deal more work, for Plank has rarely worked 40 games, while Matty has more often than not worked in from 40 to 50 contests. Mathewson's average for the 15 seasons is 58.1, Plank's, 54. Both Matty and Plank have seven years to go before they equal Cy Young's record of 22 major league campaigns. The Paoli Phenom pitched 819 games, over 300 more big league contests than any other entry. When you best a record by 300 games you might be registered as traveling quite a clip.

Another Superstar. Matty isn't the only big league pitcher packing his grip for his 16th trip to a training camp. For there is also the case of Eddie Plank, who has not only been in the big league as long as Mathewson, but who is five years older. And what is even more impressive, Plank is still ready to step out and pitch winning ball.

Plank stands as an eternal knock to the theory that all left-handers are nuts. The great southpaw has been one of the steadiest and sanest of pitchers for 15 years.

In all that time he has had but one season where his victories did not outnumber his defeats. That was in 1903. Then he won 14 games and lost 16. "He's no longer a kid, you know. Thirty-three years' old. Been pitching in the big leagues eight years. And then he's a left-hander."

But Plank has put away seven great seasons since, and in 1911 and 1912 he won 48 games and lost but 14, for an average above .760.

Plank and 1916. The wonder of it is that at 41 the veteran left-hander looks about as good as he looked 15 years ago, when he came from Gettysburg College to Mac's firing line. "I first batted against Plank," said

Reading Releases Beggs. Beggs, who a few years ago was regarded as one of the best long-distance shots in the Eastern States, has been released by the Reading Indians. Beggs was injured early in the season, when he twisted his ankle at Nonpareil Hall in this city, and he was out of action for more than six weeks.

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